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SUBJ: FURTHER DEFINITION OF REGIME PLANS FOR AGRICULTURE

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1. FURTHER PROVINCIAL ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR YEAR-ROUND CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS AND REPETITION OF THE THEME THAT LARGER-SIZED PRODUCTION UNITS ARE MORE VIABLE SUGGESTS THAT THESE TOPICS ARE INCREASINGLY UNDER DISCUSSION NATIONWIDE IN CHINA (REFTEL). A JANUARY 29 SHANTUNG BROADCAST POINTS OUT THAT A COMMUNE IS SUPERIOR TO SMALLER UNITS BECAUSE ITS SIZE ALLOWS IT MORE EASILY TO ACCUMULATE COLLECTIVE FUNDS AND TO DEVOTE GREATER ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC NEEDS.

2. PICKING UP A THEME NOW APPEARING IN OTHER PROVINCES (HUNAN JANUARY 31; HEILUNGKIANG JANUARY 30). THE BROADCAST ASSERTS
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THAT REAL ADVANCES COME ABOUT WHEN PEOPLE CONCENTRATE ON PROJECTS

OF IMMEDIATE BEENEFIT FOR THE CURRENT PLANTING SEASON. THE BROADCAST ALSO EXTOLLS FULL-TIME CAPITAL ACONSTRUSTION TEAMS, CALLED "PROFESSIONAL TEAMS", WHICH IT CLAIMS HAVE BEEN IN

EXISTENCE SINCE 1970. WHILE IT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DIFFERENCES HAVE ARISEN IN THE PAST OVER BRIGADE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LABOR TO COMMUNE PROJECTS, THE BROADCAST ALSO PROVIDES THE "NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY" TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A PROGRAM. THE BROADCAST IS CAREFUL TO SPECIFY THAT THE TEAM S SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH PLANTING SCHEDULES AND VOICES DUE CONCERN FOR ASSESSING WORKER CONTRIBUTIONS AND RATES OF PAYMENT AT YEAR'S END.

3. COMMENT. THE GRADUAL UNFOLDING OF REGIME PLANS FOR ITS ECONOMIC CAMPAIGN GROUNDED IN EXPANDED CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS POINT TO A MAJOR EFFORT TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE BASIS OF SOLID ECONOMIC PLANNING SUPPORTED BY HARD WORK. WITHIN THIS OVERALL PLAN, IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT LARGER-SIZED UNITS ARE A MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AND THAT THE TREND IN GOVERNMENT PLANNING IS IN THAT DIRECTION. RECENT NOTATION OF REFERENCES TO ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES AND THE MENTION OF PRE-FECTURES (HONG KONG 1235) MAY ALSO BE RELATED TO THESE OVERALL TRENDS.
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